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SUBJECT: IVP NOMINATION: ABNER SANSO MUTEMBA

1. CONGEN NOMINATES FOR FULL 30 DAY IVP GRANT ABNER SANSO MUTEMBA, DIRECTOR OF VOZ DE MOZAMBIQUE, RADIO STATION BROADCASTING LOCALLY IN ETHNIC LANGUAGES. MUTEMBA IS BLACK, IN EARLY FORTIES, AND VERY MUCH IN WITH FRELIMO LEADERS, HAVING SPENT FIVE YEARS IN PRISON FOR HIS PRO-FRELIMO SYMPATHIES IN THE LATE SIXTIES. HIS NIECE, NOW DECEASED, WAS MARRIED TO FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL. SINCE APRIL 25 HE TRAVELED AS MEMBER OF ORIGINAL DELEGATION TO DAR ES SALAAM FOR TALKS WITH FRELIMO LEADERS; LATER HE HELPED ORCHESTRATE AND WAS ONE OF MAIN SPEAKERS AT BIG PRO-FRELIMO RALLY IN LOURENCO MARQUES BULL RING; AND MUTEMBA PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE IN SETTLING LABOR STRIKES, INCLUDING THOSE CRIPPLING LOURENCO MARQUES PORT.

2. MUTEMBA IS MARRIED WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN. HE SPEAKS PORTUGUESE AND SEVERAL LOCAL AFRICAN DIALECTS. HE WILL NEED A PORTUGUESE INTERPRETER.

3. TIMING: BEFORE MAY, 1975.

4. MUTEMBA HAS INDICATED PRIVATELY HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE UNITED STATES. HE IS PARTICULARLY KEEN ON SEEING HOW U.S. RADIO STATIONS ARE ADMINISTERED AND OPERATED. SOME OTHER INITIAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WHICH OCCUR TO US: EXAMPLES OF BLACK ENTERPRISE IN THE U.S. SUCH AS MOTOWN RECORDS; EBONY MAGAZINE IN CHICAGO; HOWARD UNIVERSITY;

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AFRICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF UCLA; NEWS ROOM OF TV STATION; ETC.

5. JUSTIFICATION: MUTEMBA IS NON-CONTROVERSIAL AND TRUSTED BY FRELIMO. HE ALREADY OCCUPIES A KEY POSITION IN TERMS OF ABILITY TO INFLUENCE OTHERS; IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT HE MAY BE INVITED TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT AFTER JUNE 25. HE SEEMS TO US TO BE THE RIGHT MAN AT THE RIGHT TIME.

6. ALTERNATES:

1. FRANCISCO RUI MONIZ BARRETO - MOZAMBICAN POET AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE;

2. N'GENYA VALENTE MALANGATANA - MOZAMBICAN ARTIST.
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